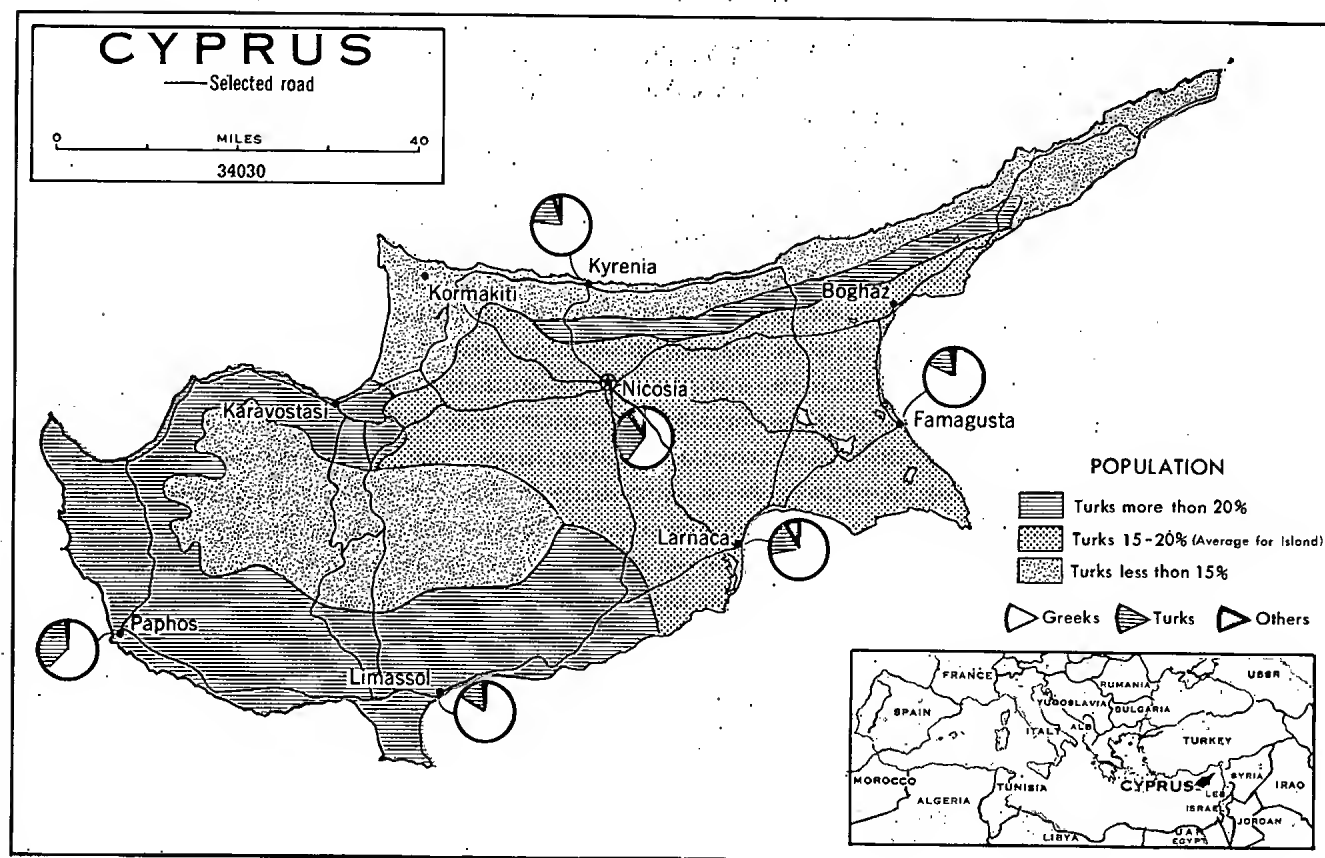


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The island has been relatively quiet, but scattered shooting goes on.

b. Though professing to believe that talk of Turkish intervention is all bluff, the Greek Cypriots are adopting defensive measures along the east and north coast.

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e.

Britain starts today to fly in 1,500 reinforcements from England.

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f. Greek and Turkish military activity was normal yesterday. There is still no sign of Soviet military moves to bring pressure on the Turks.

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2. South Vietnam -
US

a. Viet Cong terrorism against Americans, on the rise since the Khanh coup, is continuing.

b. A Viet Cong statement on Tuesday warned foreign nationals and South Vietnamese, including government forces, to avoid contact with Americans. Restaurants, clubs, and other places frequented by US troops are especially to be avoided.

c. In two recent incidents, Vietnamese appear to have been forewarned and have stayed away from the areas involved without saying anything to their American neighbors.

d. In the north, Communist propaganda is concentrating on anti-American themes.

3. South Vietnam

a.

[redacted]
[redacted] the Viet
Cong believe victory is near.

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b. Morale is high, [redacted]
and the food position much improved

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[redacted]
[redacted] the Viet Cong are
now well armed, have modern com-
munications gear, and can rapidly
form up into regimental units.

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c.

[redacted]
South Vietnamese are so war weary
that a neutralist coup, which could
come at any time, would be genuinely
popular.

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d.

[redacted]
that the US military presence should
be used for leverage to get an inter-
nationally guaranteed "peace"
arrangement. [redacted]
the area might then go Communist,
but claimed it would remain "Western-
oriented," especially toward France.

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4. USSR

a. Yesterday's shot from Tyuratam to the Klyuchi impact area was the third successful firing in a new Soviet ICBM development program begun last December.

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b. We still are not certain whether the new vehicle is a completely new missile or an extensively modified SS-7, the workhorse of the Soviet missile stable.

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5. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. The border fighting is dying down after

the

Sunday cease-fire.

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b. There is a good chance that large-scale clashes will be avoided at least until after the African foreign ministers' conference in Lagos next week.

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c. Prospects are not bright for long-term stability. Somali authorities show no ability to control Somali tribesmen whose depredations in the Ogaden so infuriate the Ethiopians.

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6. Zanzibar

a. The sole remaining US official will be leaving Zanzibar today. He was ordered off the island, along with the British High Commissioner, because of the US-UK failure to recognize the Karume regime.

b. Ambassador Leonhart flew to Zanzibar early this morning. He found Karume pleasant but inflexible.

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c. On the heels of his declared intentions to expel these Western representatives, Foreign Minister Babu announced that Peiping had given Zanzibar some \$500,000. More aid would be coming, he said, and Zanzibar will become "not only the Cuba, but also the paradise of Africa."

7. Gabon

a. It now seems that Mba has indeed been put back in the presidential chair by French arms.

b. The government-controlled Libreville radio this morning carried a recorded speech by Mba in which he asserted that the self-styled provisional government had disappeared and its leaders were under detention.

c. The French decision to intervene in this case, after letting two similar upheavals go by last year, was probably based on economic interests in Gabon and on Mba's relationship with De Gaulle.

NOTES

- A. Congo There is a chance that the anti-Adoula infection, which is already seeping out of Mulele's Kwilu Province, may shortly erupt in the eastern Congo province of Kivu. Leftist tracts calling on Congolese troops to revolt have appeared on the streets of the capital. Some of these have an anti-American slant.
- B. Bolivia Paz, already buffeted from right and left, must now somehow mollify his cabinet which is in an ugly mood over the machinations of Minister of Government Julio. Although Paz still seems master of the situation, Julio is having some success in using his post to expand his influence in rural areas.
- C. Greece The palace has drafted a decree appointing 23-year-old Crown Prince Constantine regent. The reason given is that King Paul may need an operation for stomach ulcers.

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